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## GROUNDWATER LEVEL OF VISAKHAPATNAM RISES TO 7.74M

### **SUMMARY:**

The Visakhapatnam district, has registered a rise in the groundwater levels. As per the officials, the difference between the present and average is just 59 centimetres which is normal.

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District groundwater department deputy director KK Sastry said that, if the district's groundwater level is more than 9 metres then it will be a cause for worry only, but this year the district registered good groundwater level and this water level will increase in the coming months because of two monsoons.



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Further Sastry added that, the groundwater level depends on two factors namely; rainfall and usage through bore wells. According to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) officer, there are about 8000 public bore wells in the city. The civic official reported that, the use of groundwater is not high by the public and the corporation also supplies sufficient water to the citizens. As per the India Meteorological Department (IMD), this year the rainfall activity in the district was better in July compared to the same period last year and according to the IMD director (forecast) Naga Ratna, the district will receive better rains in August and September. The actual rainfall registered in Visakhapatnam is 337mm against the average of 327.3mm from June 1 to July 31.

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